

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2024 | 5:00 PM
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Darwin Grim, Maurice Schlaht, Guhner Kepler, and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen, Council Elect Laura Petersen, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks and Rick Messerschmidt.

The meeting was opened at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA Add Library Liaison, Airport T-Hangar Update, Summer Help, Open Seal Coating Bids. Motion to approve the agenda with changes made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES Motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2024, as written made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – Ryler Stevicks addressed the sticks and limbs at the park.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Library Director Tara Engel discussed the upcoming program on May 16th at 5:30 pm. This will be the third in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Series. Sign-ups have begun for the Summer Reading program, sign-up sheets are available and due by May 30, 2024. Miss South Dakota’s visit was enjoyable for the kids, and she donated a ‘Little Library’ that will be situated outside for 24-hour access to books. Police Chief Ryan Cook announced that Officer Tommy Claussen has finished his Phase II academy level and has moved into Phase III. Officer Claussen is on track to graduate on May 31st.

OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Lots 509 & 511 Main Street Tabled pending the next meeting with the new Council.
- B.** Golden West Permit 1st & Felton Motion to approve additional fiber box for expansion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. Four ayes, Maurice Schlaht opposed. Motion carried. Maurice Schlaht voiced concerns about the current lack of drainage around the Jensen Work Housing and utility easement.
- C.** Former Whitepipe house Motion to advertise for and accept bids for the Demolition and Disposal of the former Whitepipe house at 524 6th St made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried. The bid notice will state that the City of Gregory will back fill the lot when the D&D is finished.

Mayor Cerny took a moment to thank Councilman Darwin Grim for his service to the community during his tenure on the Council.

- D.** Adjourn Old Council Motion made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey to adjourn the old Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

5:25 pm

1. New Council Sworn In Mayor Al Cerny, Ashley Lozano, Guhner Kepler, Kristi Drey, Maurice Schlaht, Laura Petersen, and Cory Graber. Mr. Graber arrived at 5:27 pm.

2. Council Elections

President Motion to name Ashley Lozano as Council President made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice-President Motion to name Kristi Drey as Council Vice-President made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committees None designated at this time

3. Appointments

- Chief of Police Ryan Cook
- City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen
- Health Officer Sue Hogue
- Official Newspaper Gregory Times Advocate
- Official Depositories Bank West, First Fidelity, Consumers Federal Credit Union and SDFIT
- Planning & Zoning 2-year terms Samuel Flakus, John Knight, and Gregg Drees
- Housing Board 5-year term David Kotrba
- Library Liaison Laura Petersen

Committee Reports- Mayor Cerny stated that the T-Hangar project may be on hold until 2025 as the City of Gregory could be assured to secure more funding. This would prevent the city from having to lay out those funds at the onset of the project. Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported on behalf of the Pool Committee, that due to a substantial donation by the Elmer Karl Foundation the money donated for the new pool is now over \$300,000.00. Cory Graber also stated that there has been another substantial donation since the end of April.

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business:

4. Building Permits – Pense, Cerny, Messerschmidt, & Hull (not required)

Motion to enter the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve all the permits made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Golden West Utility Permit 3rd & Spencer Motion to approve the permit made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Dixon Townhall The Council discussed the City of Gregory taking over the Dixon Townhall. Motion to table the decision for two weeks until more research was done made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Eklund Land Offer The Council chose to collectively reject the offer of \$51,000.00 for the Lots, 2, 3, 4 of Blk 1 Grandview. Motion to reject \$51,000 made by Cory Graber, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Ballpark Bleacher Boards Motion to pay for the replacement boards for the bleachers at the Little League Field made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Ordinance Options

- **Fine system for Code Enforcement** The Council agreed to see how the summer progresses with the current no fine system before considering non-compliance fines.
- **Ordinance Regarding Abandoned Property** The Council agreed to continue with current abatement procedures before considering an ordinance
- **Burying Debris** The Council is asking for more information on how to word an ordinance that prohibits burying demolition debris on properties in town.

10. Summer Hires The Council agreed to hire Jana Winters as the Pool Manager and to allow Jana to hire her lifeguards at her discretion. The Council also agreed to hire Alisa Schmitz to mow this summer.

11. Open Seal Coating Bids The City of Gregory received no bids for the non-Phase I street project of milling and sealing streets. Mayor Cerny will actively try to find companies to hire to execute the project.

12. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INS	485.38
APPEARA	SUPPLIES	146.13
BANKWEST	WEB FEE/RDC FEE	90.00
BUCHE FOODS	LIBRARY PROGRAM	15.96
CORE & MAIN LP	HYDRANT REPAIR KIT	643.98
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER/ITBACKUP/SECURITY	528.60
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	BLUE TANK VFD-PUMP	2240.00
DALLAS HORSEMAN'S CLUB	PASS THROUGH GRANT	1500.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4413.30
GOLDEN WEST TELECOM	PHONE/INTERNET	887.47
GREG SMITH	CITY HALL FLAGS	297.26
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	PASS THROUGH GRANT	2014.50
GREGORY COUNTY HWY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	310.00
GREGORY FIRE DEPT	ANNUAL SUBSIDY	5000.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS/PROF	616.57
HACH COMPANY	CHEMKEY REAGENTS	1164.90
HARRY K NAPA	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	476.08
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDERS	60.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7552.50
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING/AIRPORT	3601.34
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1304.70

JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE/513 MAIN	1198.98
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	272.68
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING	344.00
MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE	PRINTING	1482.31
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	606.56
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SERVICE CONTRACTS	98.97
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMB	7.61
PLATTE IMPLEMENT CO	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	162.02
PRAIRIE ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	MOLD TESTING 513 MAIN	625.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	43.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6364.67
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	455.64
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	PHASE 1 LOAN PAYMENT	10795.00
RYAN COOK	GAS REIM LEO TRNING	92.27
SPN	PHASE I BID/NEGO	7500.00
SDRS	SDRS- POLICE	5190.26
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPL RETIREMENT	750.00
SD MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	DIST IV/FO-HR SCHOOL	205.00
TOMMY LEE CLAUSSEN	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	643.20
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MNTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	312.70
WEALTH MANGEMENT TFM	SRF/FELTON/WATER/SEWER	23253.14
Accounts Payable Total		97713.14
Invoices: Paid		46251.24
Invoices: Scheduled		51461.90
Payroll Checks		13548.58

Motion to pay claims made by Cory Graber, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman